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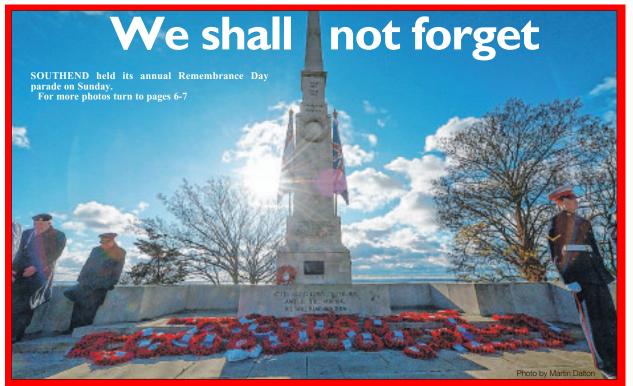
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POLICE have launched a firearms amnesty to make Essex safer and prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands.

Police are urging people to hand unwanted or unlicensed firearms, ammunition, imitation firearms, and air or gas-powered weapons to designated police stations until Sunday, November 26. If you surrender firearms, you

will not face prosecution for illegally possessing them. You can also choose to remain anonymous when handing the items in.

The history of each live weapon will be checked to see if they have been involved in a crime.

Detective Chief Superintendent Rob Fordham said: "In the last three years we've seen a concerning rise in the number of offences

involving a firearm - from 768 to 900. Guns can have a devastating impact on people's lives as shown by the death of John Pordage in Chelmsford in August. "This surrender will give you the

opportunity to safely dispose of any unwanted or unlicensed firearms and ammunition safely, ensuring they do not fall into the wrong hands.

"There are many responsible

firearms licence holders in Essex, but there have been a number of changes to the law in recent years and people may not be aware of how they're affected.

"This surrender also gives you the opportunity to hand in any guns you may have inherited from elderly relatives or friends which are not actually legal for you to possess."

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POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a collision that left a pedestrian in a critical condition.

The 65-year-old man, from Southend, was in collision with a Harley-Davidson motorcycle

in London Road, Westcliff, at

He suffered multiple injuries and was taken to

Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge by air ambulance.

He remains in a critical but

about 6.55pm on Sunday,

October 29.

Collision appeal

Vandals blamed for statue damage

A STATUE of Queen Victoria in Southend has been vandalised just months after repairs had been car-

Parks and culture staff at Southend Council are appealing for information after the statue, on Clifftown Parade, was reported to be missing a fin-

A council spokesman said the missing finger, usually pointing out to the Thames

Estuary, is thought to have been vandalised between Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3.

The spokesman said it was not the first time the statue has been targeted by vandals and said £3,000 was spent on replacing the statue's hand, nose and missing sceptre in April.

Cllr Ann Holland, executive control of the statue's control of the statue o

tive councillor for culture, tourism and the economy, said: "It was Queen Victoria



BROKEN: The Queen Vicoria statue with missing finger

who signed the Royal Charter in 1892, giving Southend its borough status. She was the town's greatest fan and patron and it is

right that her contribution to the town be commemorated. Restoring the statue is a technical and costly task, and that is a cost that has to be shared by all residents through their council tax.

I urge anyone with information about this wanton act of vandalism to pass it

stable condition.
The motorcyclist, a 34-yearold man from London, was taken to hospital with minor injuries and later discharged.

Enquiries are ongoing and witnesses are asked to contact PC Jack Sneath at Chigwell Roads Policing Unit on 101.

Festival break

● VILLAGE Green festival will not happen in 2018.

The event, held in Chalkwell Park and organised by Metal, was attended by 21,000 people

this year.
But a Metal spokeswoman said: "After nine really great years of working at this speed, we have decided to take a year out in 2018.

Grand Hotel gets refurb approval

 A PLAN to redevelop the Grand Hotel in Leigh was approved by councillors last

The proposal to convert the hotel into 18 flats, restaurants, and a basement wine bar and health club was given planning permission at a meeting of Southend Council's development control committee last Wednesday. The locally listed building has

been left abandoned and boarded up for a number of

Families urged to report 'unfit' OAP drivers to police

ESSEX Police has urged families to report elderly loved ones they believe are unfit to drive, 'after a number of incidents with ageing drivers being involved in collisions'.

Adam Pipe, the force's casualty reduction manager, said: "The decision to stop driving due to ageing health can be difficult due to the loss of independence from not having a car

"However the repercussions

of an avoidable collision can be huge and range from personal injury to the driver to loss of an innocent member of the public. If you're worried about a family member who you think is unfit to drive, you can contact us and we can arrange a home

"An officer will visit the driver at home and give them a health assessment.

Essex Police said it was issuing the 'warning' after a series

of incidents involving OAP drivers. In one, on the A120 in Elmstead in September, a 90year-old woman 'failed to see an approaching car' when turning onto a dual carriageway. She hit the car, which was forced to swerve onto a curb and then crashed through a

Meanwhile, the OAP kept her foot on the accelerator and crashed into a field a few hundred metres up the road.

A police spokesman said: "The man suffered serious head injuries and was lucky to walk away from the collision.'

In another incident, in Bromley Road, Colchester, a woman in her 60s reversed her blue Vauxhall Corsa into a metal barrier outside Tesco Express.

The car had to be recovered as it was suspended four feet off the ground and attached to the barriers, police said.

Both drivers surrendered their licences after their accidents.

Mr Pipe said: "Working with

elderly drivers is just part of the engagement, enforcement and education work we do in an effort to change the behaviour of road users of all ages, whether they are a driver, cyclist or pedestrian."

He urged anyone concerned about an elderly relative's dri-ving to email driving.complaints@essex.pnn.police.uk.



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Brave kids host Cottee

A WEST Ham United legend visited the children's ward at Southend Hospital to deliver gifts in his role as a charity patron.
Tony Cottee, patron of Clowns in

the Sky, which is dedicated to the welfare of children with brain tumours, went to the hospital on Monday, November 6.

Also there was George Mann, resident of The First Essex High 12 Club in Southend, which raised more than £400.

The money went towards the recent National Play in Hospital week, including an entertainer, but also covered the cost of arts and crafts items on specially provided trolleys. The trolleys are designed to offer stimulation and fun activities during times when children may be in isolation or unable to visit the playroom.

Tony said it was lovely to visit the hospital and "put a smile on kids' faces".

o killed Andrea

POLICE have urged witnesses to come forward 12 years after a woman was killed in an arson attack on her home in Southend.

An Essex Police spokesman said Andrea Daly and her two sons, Richard and Stuart, were asleep when a fire was started deliberately through the letter box of their home in Rochford Road, at 3.30am on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

Richard and Stuart, then aged 20 and 17, were forced to jump from a first floor window Andrea, 40, became trapped in her bedroom and died as a result of inhaling smoke.

Her husband Keith was working away from home in Lincolnshire when he received a call to tell him his wife of 20 years had died.

Twelve years after sons jumped to safety, police still baffled by arson

Police have carried out extensive enquiries but a spokesman said those responsible remain at large and their motives for starting the fire are unknown.

Detective Inspector Stuart Truss, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: "Someone knows who is responsible for Andrea's death and we will not stop until we find them.

"There may be someone who has key information but has felt frightened to come forward or felt obliged to stay silent.

'Someone knows who is responsible.

"We know relationships and loyalties change and I ask those people to please help us achieve justice for Andrea's

"They have suffered a devastating loss that many of us cannot begin to imagine and they continue to feel the heartbreaking impact, not only of her death but also the fact that so many questions remain unanswered.

"They deserve those answers and they deserve justice.'

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Major Brentwood Investigation Team on 101, m a scd.appeals.essex@essex.pnn. police.uk or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.





TRAGIC: Andrea Daly (top) died on the deliberate arson attack at the family home (left).

From front page

Weapons can be surrendered at front counters at police stations in Basildon, Braintree, Chelmsford, Grays Southend and also at Clacton, Colchester and Harlow, but call ahead on 101 to be advised on how best to transport the item.

You can also use the 101 service to arrange for a police officer to collect the

Mr Fordham added: As well as real firearms, we are also keen for you to hand in imitation firearms air weapons and BB

"It can be almost impossible to tell the difference between an imitation firearm and a real one, but when you're faced with one the fear and concern it causes is just the same."

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Sunday, The day, on Sunday, November 12, honours those who have lost their lives in the two world wars as well as other conflicts.

People packed into Basildon's St Martin's Square for the Festival of Remembrance.

Military personnel marched through the town centre, from Toys R Us to St Martin's before Reverend Esther McCafferty led a service outside the church entrance.

Mayor David Harrison read John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields ahead of a twominute silence.

After the silence, Reverend McCafferty commenced the laying of wreaths, beginning with Cllr Harrison.

County councillor Jeff Henry and former county councillor John Schofield laid wreaths on behalf of Tory MPs Stephen Metcalfe and John Baron.

Basildon's UKIP leader Linda Allport -Hodge and Labour leader Gavin Callaghan also laid wreaths.

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97.8 broadcast the service live, while Cllr Callaghan told the YA the turn-out was even bigger than usual.

In Southend, parade formed in Prittlewell Square and proceeded to the Cenotaph, in Cliff Gardens, where it was met by another parade including councillors and dignitaries.

service, led by The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Clive Hillman, and the Archdeacon of Southend, The Venerable Mike Lodge, began at 11am with the playing of the Last Post and the exhortation.







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Laindon Holdings Limited

submitted the proposal, which followed a similar refused application in 2014.

That was rejected following planning officer concerns that the development would be "out of keeping" and "detrimental" to the street scene.

A subsequent appeal was dismissed by an inspector.

A report to councillors,

before a development control committee meeting last Wednesday, said the latest application included a reduction in the planned height of the building, as well as the removal of the fourth floor.

Two proforma letters were submitted against the applica-tion, including 260 signatures, but planning officer Janine Rowley wrote that the concerns raised within the letters were "not found to represent a reasonable basis to refuse planning permission".

She concluded: "The proposed development by reason of its design, scale, and layout

addition within the streetscene maintaining the overall character and appearance of the surrounding locality, while providing adequate amenities for future occupiers, respecting the amenities of neighbouring properties and not resulting in any unacceptable parking or highways impacts."

The proposal was recom-mended for approval and plan-

ning permission was granted by councillors.

Delight at rise in number of pupils passing II-plus

SOUTHEND Council has revealed more than 50 children in the borough passed the 11-plus exam than last year.

A total of 452 children passed the test this year, compared to

The number of candidates increased by 160 to 1,440.

The figures come after a council campaign, #nofuss11plus, to encourage more applicants for the exam and Cllr James Courtenay, executive councillor for children and learning, wants to

build on the campaign.

He said: "This initial campaign was all about raising awareness of the 11-plus and encouraging local children to apply for and sit the test, and we were pleased to see a significant increase in applications this year.

"We are delighted that this



CAMPAIGN: Cllr James Courtenay Photo by Martin Dalton rise in applications has led to 53 more local pupils passing

"Well done to everyone involved.

"Our work does not end now and we look forward to working with others to build on our campaign in the future.

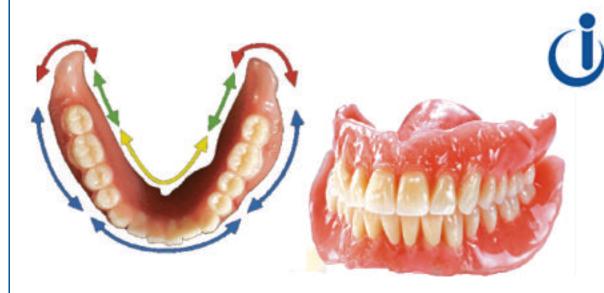
Road closed for gas mains repairs

GAS mains are being replaced in Sutton Road, Southend, with two-way traffic lights in place and a temporary road closure in Wentworth Road to enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently, according to a

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egories. The top three stories will be published in our first edition of January 2018.

As ghouls have moved into the 21st century, along with the rest of us, judges can only

accept stories via email.

The competition is open to schools, so we would like to encourage English departments to take up the challenge to grab the coveted first place for their own literary protégés.

The junior section is open to youngsters aged 16 and under. Entries should be no more than 350 words and emailed to

letters@vellowad.co.uk. The closing date is Sunday, December 10.



'Incredible' art technician off to New Zealand

A FAREWELL event was held for a staff member at South Essex College who has left after 38 years of service.

The event was held for art technician Sue Evett, who is moving to New Zealand.

Sue, who started at the college in 1979, was given gifts and flowers at the college's Southend campus last week. She also received a memento of the college, which was presented by deputy principal and chief executive, Anthony McGarel. Sue said: "It has been a special place to work. I

love working with young people and it has kept

me young. I have always been passionate about educating young people and hope to continue in education in New Zealand."

Abi Thompson, the college's head of art and design, said Sue would be missed. She added: "Sue is just incredible, I don't know

how we will cope without her.
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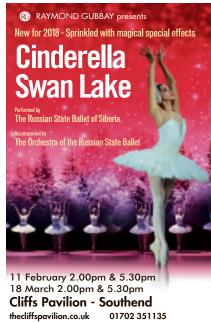
However, for children in hospital awaiting a procedure or recovering from one, spending the holiday on a ward can be a lonely time.

Not only are they feeling left out of the fun and festivities, they are also away from familiar faces and the comforts of home. In the run-up to Christmas, the *Yellow* Christmas, Advertiser will be collecting toys and gifts for children who will unfortunately be spending the holiday period in hospital.

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READERS' LETTERS

Queensway can be sold to developer

PROBABLY the main reason for the proposed changes to the Sutton Road junction is the pedestrian underpass that people don't like using, but this seems a very unnecessary and costly way to deal with it.

All that is needed is some

pedestrian crossing on the roundabout similar to the Rayleigh Weir underpass. Let's face it most people

cross illegally and dangerously that way at the moment, so why not let them do it safely? Transport councillor Tony

Cox has suggested that motorists should and will use the Priory Crescent route to avoid driving through Queensway to Sutton Road.

As we all know this bottleneck is already a continuous traffic jam so why would that be a good idea?

I will agree that the Short Street junction needs to be modified to turn it into a normal crossroads. They need a pedestrian crossing at the north end of Chichester Road to the shops, which is badly needed now.

They should also install additional lanes at the Victoria junction, but I don't see that in the proposal.

Personally, I believe they should build new social housing somewhere else in Southend and preferably not in the east. Relocate residents from Queensway to the new housing or other available council

properties. They should then sell the Queensway area to a private developer to covert the exiting buildings into luxury apartments, as they are already doing in parts of London.

Maybe they have investigated this idea but I doubt it.

I am sure this would provide far more homes in Southend than the current proposed plan and be a lot cheaper for council taxpayers.

Alan James

High stakes **Brexit** in divided UK

JONATHAN Fieldson's emotive talk of a German dictator-ruled EU (aided by a compliant France) and Brussels shooting at us with bullets supplied by remain voters, is as warlike a portrayal of whipped-up backward-looking old Brexiteering as you're likely to see anywhere. (YA Letters, November 3)

And how can over 16million people – believing that this country was deceived by artful politicians, backed up by a sensationalist media, feeding people's prejudices for their own personal political ends during the EU referendum leave campaign seriously be expected to stop fighting the result, fall in line and go along with this risky,

unnecessary national gamble? A high stakes gamble being played out in a dangerously divided United Kingdom for the lowdown ends of a few who would put their own personal ambitious interests before those of the nation.

A high stakes gamble that is taking the people of this land who have spoken for sure – for a ride on underhand whipped-up emotion over sensible, pragmatic politics towards a Brexit only the rich can afford and which they will undoubtedly demand another say about when they realise where they are being taken. You can bet on it!

John Haran Leigh-on-Sea

Avoiding tax directives by quitting EU

are becoming more aware of the serious damage that Brexit will do to our nation.

You can forget immigration control, for in 2004 the EU brought in a regulation that satisfied all our needs.

However, both the then Labour government and subsequently the Tories realised that our colander-like borders could not be protected without considerable expense and the option was not taken up. Similarly another EU directive

is being avoided by leaving the EU. Broached in 2013 and coming into effect in 2019 the directive relates to tax avoidance.

It proposes legally binding measures on all member states helping them to take strong and considered action against tax avoidance and ensure that companies pay tax wherever they make their profits in the EU.

It doesn't take a mastermind to realise the consternation this causes the elite and their Tory lapdogs, both of whom, in protecting tax havens, are endeavouring to quit the EU to support the few rather than the many.

Les Harrington Benfleet

A misuse of public money

I AM interested in understanding the Government's financial control logic.
If I had debts I would want to

increase my income, reduce my outgoings or ideally do both in order to get back on track. Governments do not work

this way as they just spend money they have not got on

projects they cannot afford.

This may be because they deal with a fund of billions, which is not money that they have to earn themselves, while at the same time being overpaid with-out any need to be concerned when overspending our taxes.

It's always easy to spend other people's money.

I make donations to my chosen

charities out of my surplus savings and, unlike Governments, do not budget for it as part of my annual expenditure.

Therefore I would donate money that I do not need and would have no effect on my

living standards. I always avoid organisations that have the cheek to call themselves a charity when their bosses col-lect hundreds of thousands of pounds in wages.

These are not charities but

more like businesses. Why do Governments class foreign aid as a payment which benefits the taxpayers rather than use this money to finance the projects it's meant for?

This is a blatant misuse of taxpayers' money. The Government should make donations only from surplus money. There are people in the UK who are struggling, homeless and in need of proper healthcare and education.

Our healthcare, security, edu-cation, etc will fail because of the illogical actions of all UK governments who often act like children fighting amongst them-selves instead of doing the jobs they were elected to do.

Keith Little Benfleet

Sack Boris!

WHEN a British citizen is unjustly incarcerated in a foreign jail the nation usually looks to the foreign secretary to help that person. Not any more.

Bungling Boris Johnson's recent gaffe may result in Mrs Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe having her five-year sentence doubled by the Iranian authorities.

He might have got away with it (again) had he offered a genuine and unqualified apology sooner, visited the Zaghari-Ratcliffe family to apologise in person, and arranged to visit Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe in her Iranian jail. Boris claimed that he'd been "unclear" when he said that Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe had

been "training journalists".
He'd actually been very
clear, and very wrong. Mrs
Zaghari-Ratcliffe was visiting her family. Usually Boris' many gaffes cause another round of national embarrass-ment and/or offend our friends abroad (or at least those that we have left). This time his loose tongue and lazy grasp of detail has made life much more difficult for Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

She is a mother, separated from her two-year-old daughter, and the rest of her family, and languishes in jail. It is time for Boris to resign or for the PM to sack him. This episode reflects very badly on both of them - him for being the most inept foreign secretary since the war and her for making such a reckless appointment.

David Bodimeade Rayleigh

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr Johnson has since apologised in the Commons and said he would meet Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe's and visit Iran before the end of the year.

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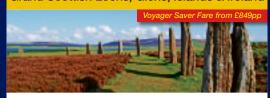


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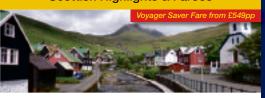
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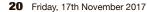
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The number and quality of the reviews it received are a testament to its ongoing commitment to deliver excel-lent service and a positive customer experience.

During the campaign people were asked to show their support for their favourite business by submitting a review of the service they had received.

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won in the category nationally can be very proud of its achievements

With Regal Kitchens as the winner, this has placed Chelmsford on the map for all the right reasons.

Also on a local level, Indian Restaurant Live Dosa received 61 reviews, winning Best Business in Town and recruitment company Ascension Global Recruitment. which received 18 reviews, was third nationally.

Tom Bosher, from The bestof Chelmsford, said: "We are incredibly proud of all our local businesses who qualified for the Chelmsford Business of the Year Awards. They received fantastic reviews from local people using their services.

"On behalf of the businesses I would like to thank every single person who took the time to leave a review. By doing so they publicly acknowledged the contribu-tion that these businesses make to our local economy."

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PANTO: Stevi Ritchie

Stevi wonder

By Liz Wade

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FACTOR and Celebrity Big Brother star Stevi Ritchie is looking forward to starring in this year's pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, at the Thameside Theatre, Grays, and cannot wait for rehearsals to start next week.

The production, at one of Essex's most intimate theatres, takes to the stage from Friday, December 1, and Stevi is busy preparing for rehearsals at the theatre, which start on November 22.

on November 22.
"I really can't wait," said Stevi.
"This is the 10th theatre and panto production I've done. I love pantomimes, it's about getting the audience involved, making the show magical.

"I love hecklers they make me laugh and I get to go back at them harder."

Stevi first appeared on our TV screens in ITV's X Factor where he created a unique friendship with Simon Cowell and met his fiancé Chloe-Jasmine Whichello.

The show changed his life, but it wasn't the first time he had auditioned.

"For me it genuinely did," Stevi said.

"I was stuck in a call centre, on minimum wage. I was always overdrawn and in debt. I took a risk to change mine and my daughter's lives. I auditioned seven times for

the show.
"I was like Rocky Balboa and did not give up hope. Rocky never gave up and kept going. You should never give up."

After X Factor, Stevi went on to take part in Celebrity Big Brother with Chloe-Jasmine, and also

appeared in a celebrity edition of Channel 4 game show, Benchmark, and made appearances on Good Morning Britain, Lorraine, This Morning and Loose Women.

He has also taken part in the CBBC game show Ultimate Brain, Keep It In The Family and even had a solo recording deal in Japan.

Stevi is no stranger to panto, having played Potty Pierre in Beauty and the Beast at The Central Theatre Chatham in 2015, and Chester the Jester in Sleeping Beauty at Princes Theatre in Clacton last year.

He returns to Beauty and the Beast again, this time at Thameside Theatre in the role of French Franc.

He will be joined by Grays' very own Luke Coldham, who played Smee in last year's smash hit panto, Peter Pan, and will return as Dame Dolly Doughnut this Christmas.

In this year's production, once again brought to you by Polka Dot Pantomimes, in association with Thurrock Council, a handsome young prince who has been cursed by Grimalkin – the evil sorceress – is doomed to stay hidden in his castle in the guise of a grotesque beast.

With plenty of make-believe, magic, music and mayhem, audiences will get the chance to really get involved thanks to the small theatre's intimate atmosphere.

There will be plenty of audience interaction as well as modern songs to sing along to, alongside huge amounts of laughter, as Stevi says that pantomimes should be a little bit all over the place.

"You have to be open-minded about it," Stevi said. "I hate pantos where it just carries on. It's a muck up kind of thing. Who cares if you forget your lines, it's part of the show."

There will be new and familiar faces

in the professional cast and a very special appearance by Thurrock's most talented canine resident, as its panto pooch makes his theatrical debut.

There will also be a special meet-the-cast session after the show on Friday, December 1, and a relaxed performance on Monday, December 18, which is especially designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment, including people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders, learning disabilities or dementia.

This performance is all about feeling comfortable and being able to enjoy a classic, well-loved festive event with family in an understanding environment.

So, while Stevi and the cast of Beauty and the Beast have a busy Christmas ahead of them, what will the future bring for Stevi?

"I havent got a clue," he said. "I'm just going to go with the flow. I'm hoping to be hosting a TV show or in a West End show, or even in the jungle."

■ For further details and tickets to see Beauty and the Beast at Thameside Theatre, Grays, from Friday, December 1, to Sunday, January 7, 2018, visit www. thurrock.gov.uk/thamesidetheatre or call the box office on 0345 300 5264.

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 Sequence Dancing George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

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 □ Drama Classes Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

 Table Tennis Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 554105.

Saturday, November 18

- Christmas Fayre Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10am-2pm.
 Christmas Fayre The Salvation Army, Fauners, off Cherrydown, Basildon, SS16 5AP. 10am-1pm. Free entry.
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 Saturday Morning Club St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

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 Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
 King's Church, Southend Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
 Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
 Sunday Club TGH Evangelical Church, Klin Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
 Mojo Friendship Club Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, November 20

- Walking football sessions Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
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 Craft Group Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.

 Social Dance 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.

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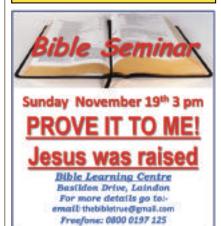
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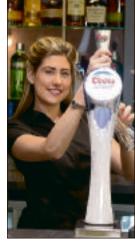
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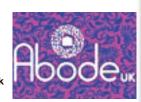
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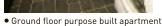


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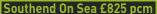


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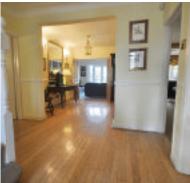
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By Ian Donaldson

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The now fully restored Jensen Interceptor was bought by Morecambe in 1968, just as he was starting on his path to superstardom as half of the Morecambe and Wise television comedy duo.

Costing double that of a Jaguar E-Type and more than the equivalent Aston Martin, the Interceptor was one of the most expensive cars in the world at the

After Morecambe's first heart attack just two months after he bought the car, the Jensen became famous in its own right as the comedian recounted the story of how Yorkshireman Walter Butterworth jumped into the driving seat late one evening to drive him to Leeds Infirmary, sav-

ing his life.
It was during a television interview with Michael Parkinson in 1973 when Eric was telling the



story of his rescue in the Jensen that the current owner, a then young Nick Whale, heard his father note: "That Jensen would be a great car to own one day."

Nick's father died while he was still young, but his words prompted a decades-long search for the car that once belonged to his comedy hero.

Now managing director of

Silverstone Auctions, Nick would often scour classified ads and make frequent enquiries until he finally tracked down the famous Jensen to a garage in Belgium in

"It was in a rather sad state when I found it, so we embarked on a two-year restoration with one of the world's leading Jensen restorers, Cropredy Bridge

Garage," reports Nick. "I wanted it to be thorough yet totally origi-

"I wanted it to be exactly the way it was when Eric Morecambe was driving it."

When the six-figure restoration was completed, Nick arranged for the Jensen to be re-united with Morecambe's loyal chauffeur Mike Fountain, his son Gary, and

live-saver Mr Butterworth as part of an ITV documentary about Morecambe and Wise.

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England legend Pearce a welcome addition as assistant to manager



Football

WEST HAM United manager David Moyes has confirmed the appointments of Stuart Pearce and Alan Irvine as part of his backroom team at the London Stadium.

Moyes was handed the manageri-

al position at the club following the departure of Slaven Bilic after a two and a half year stint in charge of the East Londoners. The arrival of Irvine and Pearce brings a wealth of experience to the club.

Irvine worked as Moyes' assistant at both Preston North End and Everton. He also managed at Preston, Sheffield Wednesday and West Bromwich Albion as well as assisting at Norwich City under

"I'm delighted to be given this opportunity and am really looking forward to the challenge ahead," Irvine told the Hammers official

"I obviously know David well from our time together at Preston and Everton, and it was certainly a big attraction to work with him again, as was the thought of com-ing to a club like West Ham. "This is the sixth job I have been

offered since leaving Norwich at the end of last season – some of which were very attractive – but it's the first one that has persuaded me to accept, so I hope that says a lot

about how excited I am to be here.

"The prospect of working in the Premier League, at a great club, and alongside David, meant that it was an opportunity I couldn't resist, and I hope that I can now

make a positive contribution."

Meanwhile, Pearce needs no introduction, having played for the Hammers 50 times as well as managing at Manchester City and

Nottingham Forest.
"I'm really looking forward to coming in and getting involved," he said. "The opportunity to work with David Moyes, who I have respected greatly over the years, was a big factor, as was having previously played for the club.

"It's been many years since I was there for a couple of seasons, but I really enjoyed my time. The West Ham fans were fantastic to me and I'm looking forward to coming

"It's tough times at the moment, but it's a fantastic opportunity for me. I'm really excited by the chal-

Pearce won 78 England caps during his playing career. He also managed the England under-21s and the Great Britain Olympic team at London 2012.

In line with the FA's betting rules, he will no longer promote book-maker Betfred, the club's principal

Moyes sets out his stall at first press conference

DAVID Moyes was in a bullish mood when he faced the media for the first time since his appointment at struggling West Ham. The 54-year-old Glaswegian was

handed the reins at the London Stadium, replacing Slaven Bilic, with his new charges entrenched in the relegation places with just two victories from their opening 11 Premier League matches

Moyes is satisfied with the situa-tion he was taking over at the London Stadium, including the initial short-term deal, saying: "Yes, I think it is good for us both.

"If you see the turnover of managers, where it's going at the moment – I think in the future it will be more so that managers are

only signing one-year contracts."

Despite West Ham's recent struggles, Moyes was in little doubt of the calibre of the club he was working with.

T'm taking over a great football club. It used to be one of the most fearsome places to come and play your football. Coming to Upton Park was a really, really tough place. I don't see any reason why it should be any different now. For me, that has to be the purpose on how we start. I think there's a really

strong squad of players here. I think there's a group of players here which certainly for me shouldn't be in the position they are in, that's for sure. "I always like to hear that the man-

agers were liked by the supporters and the people there. But ultimately, I should know more than anybody it is results which count.

"The players have been good. Their attitude has been excellent, they have worked hard the last couple of days. We'll keep them working hard and hopefully get them ready. Ultimately, I am waiting on another eight or ten players coming back from international duty at the end of next week."

Moyes admitted that taking up the hot seat at Sunderland was a mistake, and something he needed to work out of his system.

"I made a poor choice. I want to get back, I want to win. I want to get back to showing exactly what I'm about. West Ham is as good a club as any to do that.

"This was a really easy decision to make. West Ham is a top club, and it has got a brilliant stadium. We will grow into it, we will

become much better.
"My ambition is only short term at the moment because I have to win the games. I want to get us away from the wrong end of the table. The squad is good enough to get away, that is the first plan.

And having seen his reputation damaged by the spells at Old Trafford and the Stadium of Light, Moyes believed he had to restore faith in his managerial ability.

"I do have a point to prove, yes, I think maybe I have to do that in short. Sometimes you have to repair things, and maybe I've got a little bit to repair."

The Hammers chief said he knows the brand of football he would like his side to play, but admitted that they have to get the

basics right first.
"I've been a football supporter all my days and I love to watch football. I love to see attacking play. I want to see goals from crosses. I want it to be entertaining. But it's no good if you are shipping in goals every week and you can't win the games. You have to start defensively.

"All the best teams have the best defences. We have to start from there, we have to try and get a few clean sheets, to find what is best for us whether it's four at the back or three at the back with the players we've got. I think we've got enough good attacking players to cause teams problems. So let's see if we can find a way to

stop conceding goals."

And Moyes had a message to the dissenting Hammers followers, who were less than enthusiastic about his appointment. "I'm a supporter as well and I have an opinion. I watch football all the time and have an opinion about people who go there. People are entitled to their opinions, I've no problem with that."

Moyes was asked if he could help West Ham produce the football their supporters demand. "I hope that's winning football. Whatever style it is who knows but let's talk about winning football first.

Meanwhile, he told the media he hadn't read about the fans' negative

reaction to his appointment. "I don't read it. I'll do everything I can to get West Ham up the table.

"The players need to take responsibility. It can't always be managers that are bad, the players need to show they are good enough, big enough for this stadium. "All I can do is win the games,

make supporters get behind the team and need the players to perform.

"I have been told that if we need something in January, then we

Non-league round-up

Canvey back on top of the table

By Brian Jeeves
CANVEY Island climbed back to the top of the Bostik North table following a resounding 3-0 derby success over local rivals Grays Athletic at

Mitchell Gilbey opened the scoring with a penalty shortly before the break, while George Sykes and Ryan Charles added to the Gulls account, ensuring the majority amongst a healthy crowd of 394 went home happy.

AFC Hornchurch kept up their promotion

push with a 4-0 victory at Ware. George Purcell grabbed a brace for the Urchins, one from the penalty spot, while Elliot Styles and Leon McKenzie completed the rout.

Barking were also 4-0 winners, Kiernan Hughes-Mason, Dan Gilchrist, Sam Shaban and Abs Seymour all finding the net as Cheshunt were put to the sword on their own patch.

Chinedu Osadebe, Lance Akins and Correy Davidson all scored in the opening 20 minutes as Witham Town won 3-1 at Norwich United, while Jonathon Nzengo and Hugo Atkinson were Romford's scorers as the Boro picked up a useful point from a 2-2 draw at Dereham Town.

But Tilbury slipped to a late defeat at AFC Sudbury. Goals from Toby Aromolaran and Adam Vyse proved insufficient as the Suffolk side won by the odd goal in five.

In the Bostik Premier Division, Joel Nouble and Ronnie Winn scored in each half as Thurrock took the points with a 2-0 win over Harrow Borough at Ship Lane.

It proved to be a frustrating afternoon for the region's National League sides. Dagenham & Redbridge lost further ground on the play-off places after going down 2-0 at Tranmere Rovers.

Meanwhile, Leyton Orient's poor form continued as they slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Ebbsfleet United. James Dayton bagged the O's goal.

In the National South Division, Darnell Wynter, Mahrez Bettache and Billy Crook found the net as Braintree Town won 3-0 at Poole Town. However, Chelmsford City's promotion push hit the buffers as Oxford City won 2-1 at the Melbourne Stadium. Max Porter hit the Clarets goal.

East Thurrock United were thrashed 4-0 at Bath City. But Concord Rangers continued to climb away from the foot of the table. Amos Nasha, Kyron Farrell and Khale Da Costa all on target in a thrilling 3-3 draw at high-flying Welling United.

Hullbridge Sports celebrated Buildbase FA Vase Second Round progress after seeing off Wembley 3-2 at Lower Road.

Meanwhile, Great Wakering Rovers will try again after their tie with FC Romania at

Burroughs Park ended 2-2.
Southend Manor stunned Basildon United with a 2-1 Essex Senior League success at the Sourcing Coins Stadium. Redbridge were 3-1

winners over Burnham Ramblers.
Elsewhere, West Essex were 2-1 winners over Ilford, while Clapton won their Friday night fixture at Barkingside 3-2.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Canning Town win their Premier Division clash with Basildon Town 1-0.

Bishop's Stortford Swifts hammered Rayleigh Town 4-1, while Leigh Ramblers were 2-1 winners at Harold Hill.

Newbury Forest won an incredible Division One encounter at Runwell Sports 8-3. Buckhurst Hill were 2-1 winners at Snaresbrook, while Old Southendian and Hutton played out a tense goalless draw at Garon Park.

Rayleigh Town Reserves were the big winners in Division Two, hitting ten without reply past Ryan FC.

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